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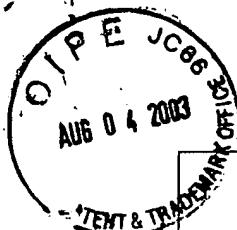
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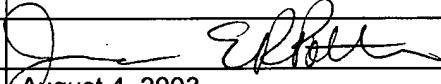
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2003, applicant hereby elects Group V, claims 24-27, for examination at this time. The response was due August 2, 2003, which was a Saturday, and is timely filed, without the need for a Petition for Extension of Time and fee, on Monday, August 4, 2003.

Although applicants have elected a group herein, applicants traverse the requirement on the grounds that it would not be an undue burden to perform a search related to the sequences and uses of two proteins, namely human and rat FGF-20 as disclosed and claimed herein. A sequence search would be expected to yield documents, if any, relevant to the sequences and methods of use. A word search would similarly yield such documents. Thus, it is submitted that a search of any of the groups would yield a similar set of prior art documents, to the extent that such prior art exists. Favorable consideration of the elected claims is earnestly solicited.

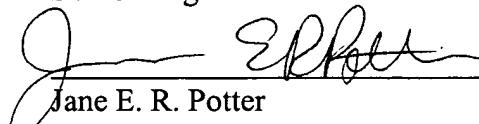
If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7650.



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